

## Joel Roberts Pointsett to Andrew Jackson, June 9, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOEL R. POINSETT TO JACKSON.

Private

Greenville, S. C. , June 9, 1836.

*Dear Sir,* I received a requisition from the 2d Auditor's office for certain ordnance stores placed in my charge in 1833 and which were returned by Mr. Tupper to the Military Store Keeper more than a year ago. Mr. Lewis after enumerating the stores requests that I will return this property to the Military Store Keeper in Charleston and forward his receipt to the Auditor's office, so that I may receive a credit therefore. It was desireable at the time these stores were placed in my hands, that the utmost precaution should be used in their distribution. They were received, distributed and recovered with the exception of one musket, one Rifle and some rockets by the agency of Mr. Tristram Tupper a respectable Merchant of Charleston, who subsequently returned them by my directions to the Military Store Keeper in Charleston. By your order these arms were placed entirely under my control; and when I consulted you about sending some of them into the interior, you told me to use my discretion. If therefore they had been misslaid or abused I should not have regarded myself as responsible, if I could have proved to you that I exercised a sound discretion in their distribution and ordinary care in their preservation and recovery. They have been restored however with a very trifling loss and as you are aware of all the circumstances of the case, I rely upon your sense of justice to have me credited for them in whatever offices I may be charged with them.

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The Majority of the State have proscribed me for the part I took on that occasion, and my political career is at an end. All I ask or expect from my friends in the general government is to be protected from such demands as that conveyed in the 2d auditor's letter. . . .